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(57) Abstract: This invention relates to the use of urocanic acid or another pharmaceutically acceptable agent being able to acidify the cell cytoplasm, for the manufacture of a pharmaceutical composition useful for causing inhibition or halting of transformed or non-transformed cell proliferation in a person or an animal, wherein an effective amount of said agent is administered in an essentially non-dissociated form to the person or animal. This invention also concerns the use of said agent as an enhancer for other therapeutically active agents. The invention also concerns a pharmaceutical composition.

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